

PRE-HISTORY

Events leading to our founding

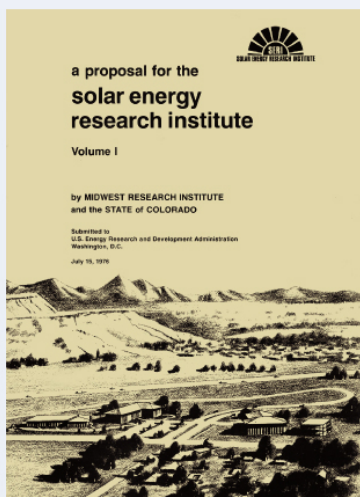
October 26, 1974 Public Law 93-473, the **Solar Energy Research Development and Demonstration Act of 1974**, passed by Congress, calling for "establishment of a Solar Energy Research Institute to perform such research, development and related functions as determined by the Administrator of ERDA to be necessary and appropriate."

March 12, 1976 ERDA Request for Proposals for "a combined manager-operator and an initial site with an option for a future site for a Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI)" [Conditions: 12-month initial period of performance, \$4M-\$6M budget] 1200 copies distributed.

April 15, 1976 ERDA Pre-Proposal Conference, ERDA Departmental Auditorium, Constitutional Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC "to provide parties interested in responding to the solicitation with information in answer to questions in regard to the solicitation."

July 15, 1976 20 proposals received from:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- New England
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Utah



(Two other proposals were received but "found unacceptable." Two additional were "determined not to be intended as proposals. Another was received too late to be considered).

March 17, 1977 Source Evaluation Board meets to evaluate proposals.

March 24, 1977 ERDA Selects SERI Contractor. "The Midwest Research Institute, with an initial site in Golden, Colorado, has been selected for negotiation of a contract for management and operation of the Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI) in support of the Nation's solar energy program."

July 5, 1977 Solar Energy Research Institute, Golden, Colorado, commences operations.

DOE
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Directors



James Schlesinger



Charles D. Miller

Donald Beattie (Acting)

Omi Walden

Maxine Savitz (Acting)



Dr. Paul Rappaport

SERI

SERI opens
7/5/77



DOE formation
10/1/77

President Jimmy Carter marked Sun Day 1978 with a visit to SERI

SERI first on-site laboratory



Major Events
Midwest Research Institute wins the contract to manage the newly created Solar Energy Research Institute
3/24/76

Laboratory Funding



1974-1977

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